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STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE

School Name	
Student ID	
Student Name	
Date of Birth	/ 19 Month Year
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Cito Institute for Educational Measurement **University of Twente** University of Jyväskyla, Institute for Educational Research Direction de l'Evaluation de la Prospective et de la Performance (DEPP) In this booklet you will find questions about:

- You
- Your family and your home
- Your reading activities
- Learning time
- Classroom and school climate
- Your English lessons
- Libraries
- Your strategies in reading and understanding texts

In some of the questions you will be asked about *reading*. By reading we mean the skill to understand, use and think about *written* texts. This skill is needed to reach your goals, to develop your knowledge and potential, and to take part in society.

Please read each question carefully and answer as accurately as you can. In the test you usually circled your answers. For this questionnaire, you will normally answer by ticking a box. For a few questions you will need to write a short answer.

If you make a mistake when ticking a box, cross out or erase your mistake and mark the correct box. If you make an error when writing an answer, simply cross it out and write the correct answer next to it.

In this questionnaire, there are no right or wrong answers. Your answers should be the ones that are right for you.

You may ask for help if you do not understand something or are not sure how to answer a question.

Your answers will be combined with others to make totals and averages in which no individual can be identified. All your answers will be kept confidential.

SECTION 1: ABOUT YOU

Q1	What year group are you in? Year	
Q2	Which one of the following courses of follow?	f study do you mainly
	(Please tick only one box)	
	Entry level - studying <u>mostly</u> toward Entry Level Certificates	
	GCSE - studying <u>mostly</u> toward GCSE or equivalent level 1 or level 2 qualifications	
	AS or A Levels - studying <u>mostly</u> for AS or A Levels or equivalent non-vocational level 3 qualifications	
	VCE AS or A-levels - studying mostly for VCE AS or A-levels	
	NVQ level 1 or 2 - studying <u>mostly</u> towards level 1 or 2 vocational qualifications, e.g. level 1 or 2 NVQs	
	NVQ level 3 - studying <u>mostly</u> for level 3 vocational qualifications, e.g. level 3 NVQs	
	I am at school in England and I have not started Year 10 yet	
	I am at school in Wales and I have not started Year 10 yet	

I am at school in Northern Ireland and I have not

started Year 11 yet

Q3	On what date were you born?
	(Please write the day, month and year you were born)
	Day Month Year
Q4	Are you female or male?
	Female Male
Q5	Did you ever attend a reception class, nursery school or nursery classes, a play group or day nursery?
	No
	Yes, for one year or less \square_2
	Yes, for more than one year \square_3
Q6	How old were you when you started Year 1?
	years old

Q7 Have you ever repeated a year at school?

		No, never	Yes, once	Yes, twice or more
a) At	t primary school			\square_3
	t secondary school (before ou were 14)			\square_3
	t secondary school (when ou were 14 or over)			

SECTION 2: YOUR FAMILY AND YOUR HOME

In this section you will be asked some questions about your family and your home.

Some of the following questions are about your mother and father or those people who are like a mother or father to you — for example, guardians, step-parents, foster parents, etc.

If you share your time with more than one set of parents or guardians, please answer the following questions for those parents/guardians you spend the most time with.

Q8 Who usually lives at home with you?

	Yes	No
a) Mother (including stepmother or foster mother)		
b) Father (including stepfather or foster father)		
c) Brother(s) (including stepbrothers)		
d) Sister(s) (including stepsisters)		
e) Grandparent(s)		
f) Others (e.g. cousin)		

	/hat is your mother's main job? e.g. school teacher, kitchen-hand, sales manager)
(Ij	f she is not working now, please tell us her last main job)
Pi	lease write in the job title.
(e	/hat does your mother do in her main job? e.g. teaches secondary school students, helps the cook prepare neals in a restaurant, manages a sales team)
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Q10 What is the highest level of schooling completed by your mother?

She didn't finish primary school

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(Please tick only one box)

She completed AS or A levels or equivalent qualifications, e.g. NVQ level 3, Advanced GNVQs

She completed GCSEs or equivalent, e.g. O levels, CSEs, NVQ level 1 or 2, GNVQ Foundation/
Intermediate level

She left school after turning 14 with no qualifications

She finished primary school then left school before turning 14 with no qualifications

If you are not sure which box to choose, please ask the test administrator

Q11	Does	your	mother	have an	y of the	following	qualifications?
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If you are not sure how to answer this question, please ask the test administrator for help.

(I tease tien one box in each row)		
	Yes	No
a) A doctorate or higher degree (e.g. MPhil, PhD)		
b) A university degree (e.g. BA, BSc, BEd) or Masters degree (e.g. MA, MSc, MBA)		
c) A Higher Education qualification below degree level, e.g. NVQ level 4 or 5, Diploma of Higher Education, nursing qualifications or Higher levels in HNC, HND, or BTEC		
d) A Higher Education access course. This qualifies a person to enter higher education without, for example, A levels		
Q12 What is your mother currently doing?		
(Please tick only one box)		
Working full-time for pay \square_1		
Working part-time for pay \square_2		
Not working, but looking for a job \square_3		
Other (e.g. home duties, retired)		

Q13a	What is your father's main job? (e.g. school teacher, kitchen-hand, sales manager)					
	(If he is not working now, please tell us his last main job)					
	Please write in the job title.					
Q13b	What does your father do in his main job? (e.g. teaches secondary school students, helps the cook prepare meals in a restaurant, manages a sales team)					
	Please use a sentence to describe the kind of work he does or did in that job.					

Q14 What is the highest level of schooling completed by your father?

If you are not sure how to answer this quadministrator for help.	question,	please	ask	the	test
(Please tick only one box)					
He completed AS or A levels or equivalent qualifications, e.g. NVQ level 3, Advanced GNVQs					
He completed GCSEs or equivalent, e.g. O levels, CSEs, NVQ level 1 or 2, GNVQ Foundation/ Intermediate level					
He left school after turning 14 with no qualifications	\square_3				
He finished primary school then left school before turning 14 with no qualifications					
He didn't finish primary school	\square_5				

Q15	Does	your fat	ther have	any o	of the	following	qualifications?

If you are not sure which box to choose, please ask the test administrator for help.

(Please tick one box in each row)

	Yes	No
a) A doctorate or higher degree (e.g. MPhil, PhD)		
b) A university degree (e.g. BA, BSc, BEd) or Masters degree (e.g. MA, MSc, MBA)		
c) A Higher Education qualification below degree level, e.g. NVQ level 4 or 5, Diploma of Higher Education, nursing qualifications or Higher levels in HNC, HND, or BTEC		
d) A Higher Education access course. This qualifies a person to enter higher education without, for example, A levels		

Q16 What is your father currently doing?

(Please tick only one box)	
Working full-time for pay	
Working part-time for pay	
Not working, but looking for a job	\square_3
Other (e.g. home duties, retired)	

Q17	In what country w	vere you and y	our parents	born?			
	(Please tick one box	in each column)					
			You	Mother	Fathe		
	United Kingdom (Engla Scotland or Northern Ire		01	01	01		
	Another country						
Q18	If <u>you</u> were NOT I arrived in the UK		, how old w	ere you wh	en you		
	If you were less than 12 months old, please write zero (0).						
	If you were born in t	the UK please sk	ip this questio	n and go to Q	<i>Q19</i> .		
				years o	old		
Q19	What language d	o you speak a	t home mos	t of the time	e?		
	(Please tick only one box)						
	English	313					
	Welsh	379					
	Irish	434					
	Ulster Scots	626					
	Another language	858					

Q20 Which of the following are in your home?

		Yes	No
a)	A desk to study at		
b)	A room of your own		
c)	A quiet place to study		
d)	A computer you can use for school work		
e)	Educational software		
f)	A link to the internet		
g)	Classic literature (e.g. Shakespeare)		
h)	Books of poetry		
i)	Works of art (e.g. paintings)		
j)	Books to help with your school work		
k)	Technical reference books		
1)	A dictionary		
m)	A dishwasher		
n)	A DVD player		
o)	A flat-screen TV		
p)	An MP3 player, e.g. iPod		
q)	A premium TV package (e.g. Sky Movies, Sky Sports)		

Q21 How many of these are there at your home?

			None	One	Two	Three or more
a)	Mobile phones					4
b)	Televisions					
c)	Computers					4
d)	Cars					
e)	Rooms with a bath or shower					
Q22	How many books are the	re in your	home?			
	There are usually about 40 magazines, newspapers, or yo			shelving.	Do not	include
	(Please tick only one box.)					
	0-10 books					
	11-25 books					
	26-100 books	\square_3				
	101-200 books	4				
	201-500 books					
	More than 500 books					

SECTION 3: YOUR READING ACTIVITIES

The questions in this section are mainly about your reading activities outside school.

Q23 About how much time do you usually spend reading for enjoyment?

(Please tick only one box)	
I do not read for enjoyment	
30 minutes or less a day	
More than 30 minutes to less than 60 minutes a day	
1 to 2 hours a day	
More than 2 hours a day	

Q24 How much do you agree or disagree with these statements about reading?

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
a) I read only if I have to			\square_3	4
b) Reading is one of my favourite hobbies			\square_3	
c) I like talking about books with other people			$\square_{_{3}}$	
d) I find it hard to finish books			\square_3	
e) I feel happy if I receive a book as a present			$\square_{_{3}}$	
f) For me, reading is a waste of time			$\square_{_{3}}$	
g) I enjoy going to a book shop or a library			\square_3	
h) I read only to get information that I need			\square_3	
i) I cannot sit still and read for more than a few minutes			\square_3	
j) I like to express my opinions about books I have read			$\square_{_3}$	4
k) I like to exchange books with my friends				

Q25 How often do you read these materials because you want to?

	Never or almost never	A few times a year	About once a month	Several times a month	Several times a week
a) Magazines			\square_3	4	
b) Comic books		$\square_{_2}$		4	
c) Fiction (novels, narratives, stories)					
d) Non-fiction books				4	
e) Newspapers					

Q26 How often are you involved in the following reading activities?

(Please tick only one box in each row. If you don't know what the activity is, tick "I don't know what it is.")

	I don't know what it is	Never or almost never	Several times a month	Several times a week	Several times a day
a) Reading emails			\square_3	4	5
b) Chatting online (e.g. MSN®)			$\square_{_3}$	$\boxed{}_4$	5
c) Reading online news			$\square_{_3}$	4	
d) Using an online dictionary or encyclopaedia (e.g. Wikipedia®)			\square_3	\square_4	
e) Searching online information to learn about a particular topic			\square_3	\square_4	
f) Taking part in online group discussions or forums			$\square_{_{3}}$	\Box_4	
g) Searching for practical information online (e.g. schedules, events, tips, recipes)			$\square_{_3}$	4	

Q27 When you are studying, how often do you do the following?

		Almost never	Sometimes	Often	Almost always
a)	When I study, I try to memorise everything that is covered in the text.			\square_3	
b)	When I study, I start by working out what exactly I need to learn.			\square_3	
c)	When I study, I try to memorise as many details as possible.			$\square_{_{3}}$	
d)	When I study, I try to relate new information to knowledge I have from other subjects.			$\square_{_{3}}$	
e)	When I study, I read the text so many times that I learn it by heart.			\square_3	\square_4
f)	When I study, I check if I understand what I have read.			\square_3	\square_4
g)	When I study, I read the text over and over again.			$\square_{_{3}}$	
h)	When I study, I think about how the information might be useful outside school.			$\square_{_{3}}$	
i)	When I study, I try to decide which ideas I still haven't really understood.			$\square_{_3}$	
j)	When I study, I try to understand the material better by relating it to my own experiences.				4
k)	When I study, I make sure that I remember the most important points in the text.			$\square_{_3}$	
1)	When I study, I think about how the information fits in with what happens in real life.			\square_3	
m)	When I study and I don't understand something, I look for additional information to explain it.			\square_3	

SECTION 4: LEARNING TIME

Q28 How many minutes, on average, are there in a lesson for the following subjects?

Minutes	in an English lesson:		minutes	5		
Minutes	in a Mathematics lesson:		minutes	S		
Minutes	in a Science lesson:		minutes	5		
Q29	How many lessons per w following subjects?	eek do yo	ou typic	cally have	for the	
Number	of English lessons per week:			lessons per w	reek	
Number	of Mathematics lessons per week:	L		lessons per w	reek	
Number	of Science lessons per week:	L		lessons per w	reek	
Q30	In a normal, full week at s in total?	school, ho	ow mar	ny lessons	s do you h	ave
Number	of lessons in total:			L le	essons	

Q31 What type of lessons do you currently attend outside of school time?

These are only lessons in subjects that you are learning at school, and which you spend extra time on outside of normal school hours. The lessons may be given at your school, at your home or somewhere else.

		Yes	No
a)	Additional English lessons which go beyond what you have learned in your English class		
b)	Additional Mathematics lessons which go beyond what you have learned in your Mathematics class		
c)	Additional Science lessons which go beyond what you have learned in your Science class		
d)	Additional lessons in other school subjects which go beyond what you have learned in class		
e)	Catch-up lessons to help you with English		
f)	Catch-up lessons to help you with Mathematics		
g)	Catch-up lessons to help you with Science		
h)	Catch-up lessons to help you with other school subjects		
i)	Lessons to improve your study skills		\Box ,

Q32 How many hours do you typically spend per week attending lessons out of school time in the following subjects (at school, at home or somewhere else)?

These are only lessons in subjects that you are learning at school, and which you spend extra time on outside of normal school hours. The lessons may be given at your school, at your home or somewhere else.

(Please tick one box in each column)

	English	Mathematics	Science	Other subjects
I do not attend lessons in these subjects out of school time				
Less than 2 hours a week				
2 or more but less than 4 hours a week				
4 or more but less than 6 hours a week				
6 or more hours a week				

SECTION 5: YOUR SCHOOL

Q33 Thinking about what you have learned in school: To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
a) School has done little to prepare for adult life when I leave school				\Box_4
b) School has been a waste of time				4
c) School has helped give me confidence to make decisions			\square_3	
d) School has taught me things which could be useful in a job	eh			

Q34 How much do you disagree or agree with each of the following statements about teachers at your school?

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
a) I get along well with most of my teachers			\square_3	
b) Most of my teachers are interested in my well-being			\square_3	
c) Most of my teachers really listen to what I have to say			\square_3	
d) If I need extra help, I will receive it from my teachers				
e) Most of my teachers treat me fairly			\square_3	

SECTION 6: YOUR ENGLISH LESSONS

Q35		On average, about how many students attend your English class?									
		students									
Q36		How often do these things happen in your English lessons?									
		(Please tick only one box in each row)									
			Never or hardly ever	In some lessons	In most lessons	In all lessons					
	a)	Students don't listen to what the teacher says									
	b)	There is noise and disorder			$\square_{_{3}}$	4					
	c)	The teacher has to wait a long time for the students to settle down				4					
	d)	Students cannot work well			$\square_{_3}$	4					
	e)	Students don't start working for a long time after the lesson begins			\square_3						

Q37 How often do the following occur in your English lessons?

	Never or hardly ever	In some lessons	In most lessons	In all lessons
a) The teacher asks students to explain the meaning of a text			\square_3	4
b) The teacher asks difficult questions that challenge students to get a better understanding of a text			\square_3	4
c) The teacher gives students enough time to think about their answers			$\square_{_3}$	4
d) The teacher recommends a book or author to read			\square_3	4
e) The teacher encourages students to express their opinion about a text				4
f) The teacher helps students relate the stories they read to their lives			\square_3	
g) The teacher shows students how the information in texts builds on what they already know			\square_3	4

Q38 How often do the following occur in your English lessons?

		Never or hardly ever	In some lessons	In most lessons	In all lessons
a)	The teacher explains what the students are expected to do			$\square_{_{3}}$	4
b)	The teacher checks that students are concentrating while working on a reading task				4
c)	The teacher discusses students' work, after they have finished the reading task				4
d)	The teacher tells students in advance how their work is going to be judged				4
e)	The teacher asks whether every student has understood how to complete the reading task				4
f)	The teacher marks students' work (either during or after the lesson)				4
g)	The teacher gives students the chance to ask questions about the reading task				4
h)	The teacher asks questions that motivate students to participate actively				4
i)	The teacher tells students how well they did on the reading task as soon as they have finished it			\square_3	

SECTION 7: LIBRARIES

In this section you are asked questions about libraries. These may be in your school and/or outside your school.

Q39 How often do you visit a library for the following activities?

		Never	A few times a year	About once a month	Several times a month	Several times a week
;	a) Borrow books to read for pleasure			$\square_{_3}$		
1	b) Borrow books for school work			$\square_{_{3}}$	4	
,	c) Work on homework, course assignments or research papers			\square_3	4	
•	d) Read magazines or newspapers			$\square_{_3}$	4	
	e) Read books for fun			\square_3		
	f) Learn about things that are not course-related, such as sports, hobbies, people or music			\square_3		5
;	g) Use the internet			\square_3	4	
Q40	Does your school have	a library	17			
Q T0	No		•			
	Yes	\square_2				

SECTION 8: YOUR STRATEGIES IN READING AND UNDERSTANDING TEXTS

There are several approaches to studying and understanding texts. Some of them are more useful than others, depending on the kind of reading task. The next two questions present two reading tasks, followed by a list of these approaches or "strategies". We want to know your opinion about the usefulness of these strategies for the different reading tasks.

Both questions begin with a short description of a particular reading task. Then several possible reading strategies are listed. Think about the usefulness of each of the strategies in relation to the given reading task only. Some strategies may be useful for one reading task but not for another.

Give a score between 1 and 6 to each strategy. A score of 1 means you think it is not a useful strategy at all for this reading task. A score of 6 means you think it is a very useful strategy for this reading task.

You can use the same score more than once if you think two or more strategies are similarly useful, but please tick only one box in each row.

Here is an example question that a student has completed. (This example is about playing table tennis, not reading.)

Example Question

Task: You want to get better at playing table tennis so you can win a local competition.

How do you rate the usefulness of the following strategies for getting better at playing table tennis?

	Possible strategy	Score					
		(1) not useful at all	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6) very useful
a)	I read a book about table tennis technique		X				
b)	I practise playing table tennis against a friend as often as possible						X
c)	I do general fitness exercises every morning				X		
d)	I watch expert players and try to figure out their techniques				X		

Q41 Reading task: You have to understand and remember the information in a text.

How do you rate the usefulness of the following strategies for understanding and remembering the text?

	Possible strategy	Score							
			eful at	Ve	Very usefu				
		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)		
a)	I concentrate on the parts of the text that are easy to understand.			\square_3	4				
b)	I quickly read through the text twice.				4				
c)	After reading the text, I discuss its content with other people.			\square_3	4				
d)	I underline important parts of the text.			\square_3	4				
e)	I summarise the text in my own words.				4				
f)	I read the text aloud to another person.			\square_3	4				

Q42 Reading task: You have just read a long and rather difficult two-page text about changes in the water level of a lake in Africa. You have to write a summary.

How do you rate the usefulness of the following strategies for writing a summary of this two-page text?

	Possible strategy	Score Not useful at all					ry useful	
		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	
a)	I write a summary. Then I check that each paragraph is covered in the summary, because the content of each paragraph should be included.							
b)	I try to copy out accurately as many sentences as possible.			\square_3	4			
c)	Before writing the summary, I read the text as many times as possible.			\square_3	4			
d)	I carefully check whether the most important facts in the text are represented in the summary.				4			
e)	I read through the text, underlining the most important sentences. Then I write them in my own words as a summary.							

Thank you very much for your co-operation in completing this questionnaire!